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Governor Jan Brewer Makes Judicial Appointments in Maricopa County

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer has made four appointments to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Geoffrey Fish will replace Judge Eileen Willett, who has been appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate for the District of Arizona.

“Geoffrey has a strong and reputable legal background, including private sector experience and a keen familiarity with the Maricopa County courts,” said Governor Brewer. “He will continue to be an excellent asset to the people of Maricopa County.”

Mr. Fish has served as a Maricopa County Court Commissioner since 2012, presiding over matters including guardianships, conservatorships, fiduciary appointments, will and trust disputes, civil lawsuits and receiverships. Previously, he was a partner with the firm Beresky & Fish (2001-12); Deputy County Attorney for Maricopa County (1999-2001); sole practitioner at the Law Office of Geoffrey H. Fish (1998-99); partner with Savage, Fumo & Fish PLC (1997-98) and Fumo & Fish PLC (May – Sept. 1997); and associate attorney at Craig K. Perry & Associates (1996-1997).

Mr. Fish has been an active member of the Maricopa County Bar Association since 2001, currently serving on its Board of Directors. Mr. Fish also serves as a judicial liaison with the Probate and Trust Council and the Probate and Estate Section; chaired the Maricopa County Bar Association’s Lawyer Referral Service (2011-12); and co-chaired Maricopa County Superior Court Judicial Education Day (2014).

Mr. Fish graduated from Whittier School of Law (1996) and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arizona (1993).

Three additional vacancies exist on the Maricopa County Superior Court due to the creation of Divisions 96, 97 and 98. Governor Brewer has appointed Jennifer Green, Frank Moskowitz and Jennifer Ryan-Touhill to fill these positions.

“With an extensive background in criminal law – including vast knowledge of tribal issues and experience in the prosecution of border-related crimes – Jennifer is a welcome and valuable addition to the bench,” said Governor Brewer.

Ms. Green has served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Arizona since 2008. In

this role, she currently is serving as Section Chief of the Southwest Border Crimes Section and has personally argued three cases before the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco.

Previously, Ms. Green served as Deputy County Attorney for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (2002-07); Assistant Town Prosecutor for the Gilbert Prosecutor's Office (1998-2002); and law clerk for the Honorable Jon W. Thompson at the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One (1997-98).

She is a current member of the Maricopa County Bar Association, where she has served in multiple capacities, including as president, treasurer, secretary and member of the Board of Directors. She also is actively involved with the Arizona State University Alumni Association; Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court; and Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center Board of Directors.

Ms. Green has received numerous honors for her work, including Recognition for Outstanding Prosecution, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2014, 2012 and 2010); Outstanding Service on Behalf of Crime Victims, U.S. Attorney's Office (2013); Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Drug Law Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration (2009); Award for Professional Service, American Inns of Court (2006 and 2002); and Victims' Appreciation Award, Maricopa County Attorney's Office (2005).

Ms. Green graduated from Arizona State University College of Law with a *pro bono* distinction and was selected as an Alan A. Matheson Service Award Recipient (1997). She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in English, *cum laude*, from the Arizona State University Honors College (1994).

Governor Brewer's third appointment, Frank Moskowitz, has practiced with the law firm Berk & Moskowitz since 1999. He previously worked for the firms Smock & Weinberger (1996-99) and O'Connor, Cavanaugh (1992-96).

"Frank brings to the bench more than 20 years of experience in private practice and civil law," said Governor Brewer. "With broad legal expertise and a stellar reputation, including prior service as a judge pro tem, he will serve the court and the county with distinction."

Mr. Moskowitz's practice primarily involves probate, trust and estate litigation and commercial litigation, and he also handles personal injury and wrongful death cases. Additional experience includes insurance defense, securities litigation, trademark litigation, anti-trust litigation, Indian law and business dissolution.

Mr. Moskowitz currently serves as Chair of the Maricopa County Bar Foundation, and has been a member of this organization since 2001. He also has served the Arizona State Bar as a member of the Practice and Procedure Committee, Rule 68 Subcommittee, and has done pro bono work through the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Mr. Moskowitz earned his Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University (1992) and received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Arizona (1989).

The fourth judicial vacancy will be filled by Jennifer Ryan-Touhill.

Ms. Ryan-Touhill has been a partner at Touhill Law Offices since 2002, practicing juvenile law and family law. She previously served as Assistant Attorney General for the Arizona Attorney General's Office (1998-2002), and has experience as a judge pro tem as well as a court-appointed best interest attorney, guardian ad litem and parenting coordinator.

"Jennifer has an established and proven record of excellence in her legal career, representing clients from newborns to adults in a wide variety of juvenile and family matters," said Governor Brewer. "She will be a valuable resource, an excellent judge and a distinguished public servant."

Active in community service, Ms. Ryan-Touhill has volunteered for the Arizona Veterans Stand Down

Coalition, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law's Juvenile Law Clinic, National Adoption Day, the Florence Project and Sunshine Acres Children's Home. She also volunteered for more than ten years at Benchmark Academy, Madison Traditional Academy and Sunnyslope High School. She served as a board member for the Tri-City Jewish Community Center and is a former board member for the Arizona State University College of Law.

Ms. Ryan-Touhill obtained her Juris Doctorate (1997) and Bachelor of Arts in Special Education (1993) from Arizona State University.

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